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NOTES AND NEWS.

"Fervent in Spirit!" Dr. Joseph Parker, expounding the words, asked: "What does fervent mean? Hot? More than that! Boiling? More than that. Boiling over? Yes, that's it. The impelling force that will not be suppressed; power at high pressure! Happy are we if at the New Year we feel full of power to go forward.

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The late Dr. Charles Beard went on propaganda work into the country, and once at the close of his address a working man stepped forward and flung a sovereign on to the table, and that in those days meant a big sum. The son of that man became a well-known Unitarian minister, the late Rev. Herbert Mills, the well-known social worker, who anticipated General Wm. Booth in his scheme for "the submerged tenth." Mr. Mills used to go over from Kendal to Coniston to meet Ruskin. On one such visit he came face to face with Froude, the historian, coming out of the gate. When he entered the study Ruskin said, "Froude has been here. I felt as though a vulture were waiting to pick my bones!"

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The years go by, one generation succeeds another. Absorbing events, great causes, ideas and methods of one period are completely forgotten as time passes. Doctrines have their place, and a very important one; but, of far greater importance is life. One kindly, helpful, effective act is of far greater value than any amount of talk about doctrines. "There is one God" can be, and has been made the battle-cry, for the fiercest fanaticism, as well as a call to the children of men "to remember the glory of their heritage."

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We call the attention of our readers to the book advertised in this number, "A Golden Treasury of the Bible." This has been a costly venture on the part of the Lindsey Press, and we strongly appeal for instant help in buying a book well worth having. Ministers and Sunday school teachers will find it valuable for suitable passages for reading. A review will follow.

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There certainly does seem to be in our congregations more kindliness and good feeling and warmth and interest than was the case a few years ago, and by all means this should be noted and encouraged in our Church's life. We don't want to under-rate doctrinal preaching, but that has to be carefully and delicately handled, or people may become estranged and frightened off. What we consider to be of first importance is to endeavour to make everybody who comes feel at home, and that they are welcome, and leave the liberal leaven to work in its own way.

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We extend on behalf of our readers our very deep sympathy with the Rev. Dr. A. L. Agnew in his illness, which at the time of writing compels him to keep to his room. We feel very sorry for Mrs. Agnew, and for the devoted workers, who give time and services in

keeping the large congregation together, as well as the many activities which are such a strong feature at York Street Church, Belfast.

TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE.

The Temperance Conference on Oct. 29th was well attended. The Moderator presided, and the addresses by the three speakers were excellent. The discussion which ensued was an animated one, and a stimulus was given to the Temperance work which lies ahead this winter. The tea which was provided merited the heartiest thanks both to donors and workers. The Convener is to be congratulated on the success of the meeting.

SUBSIDY FUND.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscription :—

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THE DIVINE WISDOM.

From the rising up of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name shall be magnified, and in every place incense shall be offered unto His Name, and a pure offering. There shall be heard in this place the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

Channing School, Highgate, London, N.6.—The Head Mistress desires us to call attention to the Jubilee Scholarship of 75 Guineas a year (reducing school fees to 55 guineas), the examination for which will be held in February, 1935.

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DOMESTIC MISSION.

A successful concert was held on November 30th under the auspices of the Social Club. Rev. and Mrs. Davies brought a group of friends from Comber to assist in the programme, including the Unity Players, who staged two plays, "The Buccaneer" and the "Rebellion of Pamela."

The large audience thoroughly appreciated the excellent programme, and we are deeply grateful to the Comber friends and to the local artists for their valued assistance. The proceeds will be devoted to the work of the club.

The Debating Circle has enjoyed a varied series of topics during the past month. An illuminated lecture on "Canada" by the Missioner was followed with interest by young and old. Mr. F. M. Pett's paper on "The Criminal" provoked a keen discussion, and opened a fruitful field for study.

Miss Leitch, Whitehead gave a lucid exposition of "The Douglas System of Social Credit." Though the subject was new, the members evinced a grasp of the main principles outlined.

Dr. Trimble took for his subject, "Health and Happiness," and from long experience in his profession, dealt in a masterly manner with this important problem.

We expect soon to see the members of our own Dramatic Society in action, and feel sure that under Mr. M'Neill's direction, they will give a good account of themselves.

Sickness is prevalent in our midst, but, with a few exceptions, not of a serious nature.

We gratefully acknowledge donations of books from Mrs. W. Newman and Mrs. Lindsay; parcels of clothing, Mrs. C. J. M'Kisack and Miss Luke.

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When is banking mentioned in the Bible? When Pharoh's daughter drew a little prophet from the rushes on the bank.

It would be a great convenience if remittances now due were sent to the Rev. Alfred Davison, Dromore.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance feel that it is very necessary, in view of the Brewers' campaign to capture the rising generation, that our young people should be well-informed as to the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks. Knowledge is, in their view, the best safeguard against temptation. The Convener has, therefore, been requested to have inserted in the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian a short series of simple lessons. These must necessarily be of an elementary nature, but to those who are interested the following books are recommended, and will be found instructive:—

"The Temperance Lesson Book," by Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S.

"Alcohol and the Human Body," by Horsley and Sturge.

"Alcohol: Its Action on the Human Organism," by Medical Research Council.

When the series of lessons is completed, essays on "The Nature and Effects of Alcohol" will be invited, and prizes offered for the best. It is, therefore, hoped that all our young people will study the subject carefully, and endeavour to master the facts.

The first lesson appears to-day, and it is recommended that the copies of the Magazine in which the lessons are printed should be preserved for reference.

J. JOSEPH MAGILL, Convener.

Lesson I.

The word Alcohol is supposed to be derived from the Arabic. It found its way into the English language in the seventeenth century, and was used to designate a fine spirit or essence. But long before it became known by its modern name, alcohol had been discovered and widely utilized. Its history carries us back so far that its origin has been lost in obscurity. We read in Genesis of Noah, that "he planted a vineyard and drank of the wine, and was drunken." Ancient nations ascribed its invention to their respective deities, as for example, the Egyptians to Osiris, the Romans to Saturn, and the Greeks to Bacchus. Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson is probably nearer the truth when he attributes the discovery to accident. The juices of ripe fruits exposed to the air and heat on a day in summer rapidly undergo a change. Something happens which alters the nature of the sweet liquid. This fact must have been noticed by the dullest observers in countries where grapes grew abundantly, and were gathered in large quantities, and pressed to extract the juice.

The change is brought about by what is known as fermentation. In the air are myriads of microscopical seeds or spores of a vegetable growth called the yeast plant. These seeds are so minute that it is calculated one billion one hundred and fifty-two millions of them pressed closely together will only occupy one cubic inch of space. They float in the atmosphere, settle on the skins and stems of fruit, and entering the juice when the fruit is broken or crushed, increase in numbers very rapidly. The grape sugar, a part of all sweet fruits, is attacked and broken up and converted into two substances: (a) carbonic acid gas, which is seen to escape in bubbles and (b) alcohol. If circumstances be favourable, the yeast plant will continue to grow until thirteen per cent. of the liquid which supports it has been converted into alcohol. When this degree of alcoholic density is reached the growth and activity of the yeast come to an end. Nothing can live and thrive on its own waste substances, and alcohol is really the waste product thrown off by the yeast plant.

It is a colourless liquid, which burns readily without smoke. Because of its cleanliness and heat-giving property, it is used in spirit lamps. Engines are sometimes driven by it, and in the arts and manufactures it is employed extensively. There are many kinds of alcohols, but the one that particularly concerns us is called ethylic alcohol, and is chemically composed of two parts of carbon, six parts of hydrogen, and one part of oxygen. As generally known and consumed as a beverage, it is a manufactured article. The quantities produced by nature are infinitesimal. Man has invented methods of making it on a very large scale. Perhaps it would be more correct to say

that man has here discovered one of the secrets of nature, and, having harnessed it, has compelled it to do his bidding, as holds good in so many other matters.

Alcohol is the intoxicating element in wines, beers, and all ardent spirits. Beer and stout contain about eight per cent., home-made wines five to ten per cent., port wine about eighteen per cent., champagne from eight to eleven per cent., gin about thirty-one per cent., whiskey forty-four to forty-five, and rum round about fifty per cent.

The high percentages of alcohol in strong drinks are the result of distillation. Fermentation will not produce beverages of a sufficiently high alcoholic content to satisfy the public taste, and so another process is summoned to the aid of the manufacturer.

(To be continued).

REVIEW.

"Labour Lyrics," by H. Harrold Johnson, Shakespeare Head Press, 2/6.

This is the third little volume of Lyrics to be published by the Rev. H. Harrold Johnson, who, after a notable ministry at Cross Street Chapel, Manchester, is now settled at our Church in Buxton, where he is using some of the leisure of a less strenuous ministry to garner and make available to the public the harvest of his muse. Those who read the "English Lyrics "and " Love Lyrics" felt themselves brought into touch with a poetic spirit, in which the beauties of English landscape blossomed again into melody, rapture, and the elemental emotions of human heart and life found passionate voice. They were lifted on Mr. Johnson's wing into an air that it did the soul good to breathe, and they will be ready to welcome this third flight.

A number of these lyrics are in unrhymed verse, and we do not think Mr. Johnson is quite as happy in this form as when he uses rhyme, but he shows himself a master of various metres, and is felicitous in his choice of them for the treatment of his themes.

The main subject is that of the labour of common folk, and all through these throbs a passionate sympathy with those who toil with their hands, and bear upon their bent backs much of the burden of civilization, with less than their share of its blessings. Their cry, and the cry of the poor is always in his ears; it finds moving expression, e.g., in the poem "Let My People Go!" All through there is a deep sense of how much we owe to these obscure, voiceless workers, and again and again rises a ringing note of joy in common day labour. Take e.g., "Road Makers":

"Roadmakers, toiling through the burdened years,
Weathered, sun-tanned, rain-proof, tough-grained, deep-breathed,
Make passage for thy feet. What wert thou then
Were these not found obedient to thy will? —
What dost thou to smooth the way of feet?

Yet glad is day, and glad the buoyant air,
And glad the sun, and glad the coursing clouds,
And gladsome is it on the public road
To waft good cheer, and swing erect and strong,
Wish—'Brother, here's a hand and here's a heart!'
And—Brother, here's a thought shall stand you well—
In thine own self alone is victory
And rift of blackest gloom; necessity
And destiny are o'erwatched in thee."

Mr. Johnson's heart is with "the good old days, the good old ways," when people wrought in the light of the sun and to the music of nature instead of being mewed up in factories with the whirr of machinery; then the world was young, now it is old. But the poet is no pessimist, for he has imagination and vision and faith, and it bursts out splendidly through the orchestral voices of human life and art and achievement in the glorious lyric entitled "Coming Days," of which we quote one verse:

"There's a light beyond the setting, there's a Land undimmed of shadow;
There's a soul of things that pass away, a Rest where all things flee;

There's a love that links to-day, with the splendour of to-morrow;
And it's coming! Yes, it's coming!
Listen! Listen! Do you hear it?
What the Sons of God are shouting, what the morning stars are singing unto me?
It is coming! It is coming with the dawning!

We hope many will read and be refreshed by these deep-flowing waters of poetry, which though in their course they catch a shadow from the clouds of life, always come out again under skies that are blue and in a morning sun that brightens from the east and spreads its glory even to the west.

R. NICOL CROSS.

35 ROSEMARY STREET.

The above address in Belfast must be well known to the readers of this Journal, not to mention the Ministers of our Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Churches, who find it a convenient social centre. To many it is better known as the Depository, and probably there are a few who do not know that this shop is rented from the First Presbyterian Church, Belfast, by the Ulster Unitarian Christian Association, and that this Association keeps a good stock of the Lindsey Press Publications on the premises.

The aim of these articles is to invite your interest in many of the splendid works from our Lindsey Press, because I feel that many readers would like to know about them. In the Depository are stocked a varied literature, which will be found inspiring, educative and of general interest to members of our churches in particular. These range from leaflets, pamphlets, booklets, paper-backs, to well-bound books, in price from one penny to five shillings. A catalogue can be obtained free, and a perusal of it would be well worth while. There are some very good books published before the War that are very far from being out of date to-day; many of which, and also of the latest publications should be on the book-shelves and the "occasional tables" in every home of enthusiasts of the Liberal Faith. As examples: No Sunday school teacher should be without the two books (one shilling each) by J. Crowther Hirst, "Half-hours with the Parables." Each Parable is well annotated in a most thorough but simple way, and each has a modern story calculated to interest the dullest lad or lass, and unconsciously bring the Master's meaning home. There is another book, published also about thirty years ago, which would be a delight to all thoughtful young people from seven to seventy, and, therefore, should be in every home where the child heart is. It is called "Simple Talks about Religion," by H. W. Hawkes. And there are other old treatures.

But there are recent works, too. Some of the latest publications include the one shilling papar-backs under the general heading, "Religion: Its Modern Needs and Problems." Most (if not all) are extraordinarily cheap at this price. To name a few (there are a score of them), there is the one by the Rev. L. Redfern, B.A., "Essential Christianity and the Present Religious Situation." If some of us need a revival of the religious fervour of the pioneers of our Faith, this book should be read. I know some who have bought extra copies for friends. (This applies to others in the series).

"Immortality," by A. Hoel, M.A., B.D.

"Christian Humanism," by C. M. Wright, M.A.

"The Friendly Church," by Arnold H. Lewis.

Named just as they come to mind, but glance through them when next visiting the Depository and you will be pleased to have had your attention drawn to them.

If our Editor permits, I would like to write now and then in more detail about the books, because I possess a trait common to so many of you of being anxious to share good things I have with others. I should like to name also some of the very numerous, but excellent free pamphlets and tracts which I find useful in the Postal Mission Work, and some of the delightful things that would be useful indeed for birthday presents.

P. G.

"Be just, before you are generous."

REPORTS.

York Street.—An impression! It's a great relief to be able to go to a service as one of the congregation. There wasn't a vacant seat in the Church at 7 o'clock, the hour for starting. The factor that appealed most to one was the homeliness of the proceedings. There was a spirit of heartiness and goodwill in the meeting — everybody seemed happy. The singing was by no means left to the choir, and the congregation followed the old Presbyterian form, which was also that of the Early Church of standing for prayer. The Rev. Dr. A. L. Agnew had had a bad week, so far as his health was concerned, but he rose to the occasion, and in his sermon there was no want of life—it was a genuine, simple, clear, straightforward utterance, and one had only quietly to observe the congregation to see that it "got home." The intimations were as interesting as the sermon. There was a long list of them, but each had care bestowed upon it, as being worthy of the support of those who were concerned with that particular department. It might seem strange, but Dr. Agnew explained that the theatre had its origin in the Christian Church itself, which was quite true, because it was used as a means of teaching the Bible, when only very few people could read. He held up two "rolls of honour," on which were the names of living members. A Scot's minister once announced: "We've tried a' honest means, now we'll have to try a bazaar!" To avoid a bazaar, if possible, because when all is said and done, bazaars are scarcely fair to the trading community for obvious reasons, and Dr. Agnew was explaining a method designed to take the place of a bazaar. Different people had consented to give something before the year ended, and against such a name a star was placed. The hope was expressed that a star would be opposite every name. A strong appeal was made on behalf of "The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian," and, judging from the rapid sale of the Magazine afterwards at the Church door, the appeal had received a hearty response. Dr. Agnew announced that he had been asked to open a Sale of work for the Salvation Army. That's one of the signs of the times He didn't announce his text until he had introduced his sermon. He described the passage of the Israelites over the Red Sea, and said that in comparison the Battle of the Boyne wasn't in it Then he focussed on the text: Ex. xiv., 15: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Pompeii buried in volcanic ashes for 2,000 years, excavated, and the skeleton of a sentinel at the gate—a silent story of unflinching obedience to duty amid a hail of fire. Another heroic incident at Pompeii was the ascent of Vesuvius by the elder King to investigate the cause of disaster, showing the adventurous spirit in science; that same spirit in a long series of successors, which had made the advance of science possible. Carlyle praised the man, even though mistaken, who tried to do something. Jews had been a martyr nation through the centuries; but leading scientists and great scholars had sprung from that race. The community least agitated by the recent persecutions were the Jews themselves An old member of the race, when spoken to about it, said: "Hitler! he is only one in a long succession of persecutors, each of whom had his day and passed away; so will he!" Nations struggling to find their way out of present entanglements, Major Douglas with his Credit Reform, Rooseveldt in the U.S.A.—all trying to do something, "to go forward." It was a very vivid, stirring address, and the congregation, in wrapt attention, was as interesting as the preacher.

Those who were listennig in the Lecture Hall heard the service as clearly as those in the Church. A great number were content to remain on in the Hall; a very kindly, warm-hearted, hospitable people, with only courtesy and goodwill and understanding for the visitor. The Life flows strong in the York Street Congregation.—"A chiel' takin' notes."

All Souls', Belfast. — The total amount raised by Sale of Work was £102. During January and February a course of evening sermons on "Psychology and Religion" will be

given by Rev. S. P. Whitehouse, B.A. "The bond of union in this Church is religious sympathy, not doctrinal uniformity. . . . In the love of Truth and in the spirit of Toleration, we unite for the Worship of God and the Service of Man."

Belfast First Church. — The Rosemary Dramatic Society gave a performance in the Central Hall, Belfast, of "Scrooge," adapted from Dickens's famous "Christmas Carol," and of "The Wee Wolf," by Lady Egerton. The latter is a mystery play, in which various typical characters, like Wealth, Poverty, Pleasure, Little Soul, etc., play their part and work out their destiny. It is a beautiful work, depending as much on elocution as on action for its effect, and the Society is to be complimented on its choice, and the members of the caste on a sincere effort to convey the spirit of the play and the intention of the author—a by no means easy task in the case of an audience which has not previously read the play.

"Scrooge," from the dramatic point of view, is a simpler proposition; it has terror, pathos, and humour, all blended by Dickens's masterly art, and the characters are flesh and blood, and not just symbolic types. Mr. Andrew M'Neill took the leading part of "Scrooge," and did it with his usual understanding and talent, being on the whole well supported by the other parts, especially Mr. Tom Patterson as the ghost of old Jacob Marley. But the most distinct advance on previous performances by the Society was in the stage-craft. Both the lighting and the incidental scenes, representing Christmas Past, Present, and to Come, show that the Society is acquiring greater power over technique, and is to be warmly congratulated on its progress in this respect. Space forbids appreciation of the individual members of the caste, but recognition should be given to the work of Mr. R. Harkness, Mr. A. M'Neill, Mr. T. Patterson, the Carol singers, and Mr. W. H. M'Cafferty, who again acted as prompter. The Hall was crowded for the occasion, and the productions had a very good reception by the audience.

Mountpottinger. — The congregation was favoured by having Rev. Lawrence Redfern, M.A., B.D., as the preacher on Sunday morning, November 18th, when a large congregation assembled to hear an eloquent address from this well-known Minister. In view of his important engagement at the United Service arranged for the evening of the same day, we looked upon the visit as a brotherly compliment to our Minister's wife.

The Sunday school scholars are showing a keen appreciation of the case of specimens so well arranged and described which has been loaned by Mr. James Orr, a member of the Church Committee

There are many unique and interesting exhibits, and the neatly written labels make them still more instructive.

A new and up-to-date Cradle Roll has been hung on the school walls, through the kindness of Miss K. Forrest, aided by her sister and brother.

To these same kind donors we are indebted for framed engravings portraying Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

By such means is the brightness of our Schoolroom enhanced.

E. R. J.

Ravara.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday and Monday, October 28th and 29th. The Church was beautifully decorated with corn, fruit and flowers by the ladies of the congregation, who were kindly entertained to tea by Miss Minnis and Miss Orr.

There were over 200 present at the service on Sunday, which was conducted by Mrs. Ewbank, Mountpottinger, whose sermon was very appropriate and impressive. The Monday evening service was conducted by Rev. J. D. Davies. The singing was inspiring and the choir gave a rendering of the Anthem, "Thou Visitest the Earth." Miss M. Doyle presided at the organ.

York Street, Belfast. — It should interest the members of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church to know that Thomas Carnduff, the Belfast Poet and Playwright, and a member of our York Street Congregation, will have his latest play produced by Richard Hayward's Company of Players at the Empire Theatre, Belfast, during the week commencing the 21st of January.

Thomas Carnduff has left on this occasion the region of artisan drama, and has written a full-length historical play entitled: "Castlereagh." And it is of especial interest to note that one of the leading characters in this play is the Rev. James Porter, one time Minister of our Greyabbey Congregation. Other historical characters of particular interest appearing in this interesting and noble play will be Henry Joy M'Cracken, Jimmie Hope, of Templepatrick, and Thomas Russell.

As well as two volumes of poetry, Thomas Carnduff has also written three successful plays, all produced by Richard Hayward, and entitled: "Workers," "Machinery," and "Traitors."

Ballycarry.—Harvest Services were held as usual in the Old Presbyterian Church on the third Sunday in October. At the morning service the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. A. M. Bell, B.A., of Balynure, who preached eloquently to a very large congregation. In the evening the Rev. John M'Cleery, B.A., of Newry, was the preacher, whose eloquent and interesting discourse was much appreciated by an overflowing congregation. The musical arrangement of the services were in the capable hands of Mr. W. J. Campbell and Miss Anderson.

Crumlin.—The 4th annual Christmas Tree party was held on December 18 in the old schoolroom. All the arrangements were according to the plans that have been so successful in the past. The children gave their pennies towards the Indian children's cake funds, and then proceeded the better to enjoy themselves. Plenty of romping and games kept them busy and happy, from the eldest, aged 15, to the youngest, aged 9 months. As usual, Santa Claus paid us a visit, and produced a bag of gifts which, surprisingly, just went round, the children getting one each. Incidentally Santa found one for himself on the decorated tree. Hearty thanks are offered to all who helped to make the Party the usual good time for the young ones. G. P. J.

Holywood.—The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Tuesday evening, December 11th, with Mr. W. H. Niall Nelson in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, who were provided with tea by the ladies of the congregation. The Committee's report recorded a year of steady work, and the Treasurer's accounts showed a credit balance. The Committee and other officers were elected, and the usual votes of thanks were accorded.

Mountpottinger Branch Women's League. — The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, November 14th, at which a very interesting and instructive talk was given by Mr. James Orr, M.B.O.U. Prior to the meeting no arrangement had been made with Mr. Orr. He came to the Schoolroom for the purpose of arranging in the school museum an exhibit of specimens which he was lending. Our President, Mrs. Ewbank, embraced the opportunity of asking Mr. Orr to tell us something about them, and he very kindly agreed to do so. The members were able to examine and learn some wonderful facts regarding many of the Natural History specimens, such as an elephant's tooth, skulls of the smaller Carnivora, Herbivora, and Insectivora animals. Many references could be made to Mr. Orr's lecture if space could be spared. Mr. Orr has been generous in lending shoe buckles and knee buckles which were worn by his great-great grandfather, who was born 1731 at Gransha, also a set of Troy scales, such as were used by merchants to test the weight of gold coins before accepting same in payment. Those also were used by James Orr, of Gransha. During the evening Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. Harold Beattie and Miss Ashworth assisted with the musical portion of the programme. Mrs. Ewbank thanked Mr. Orr for his kindness in contributing to the enjoyment of the evening.

PRAYER BEFORE SERVICE.

Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those Blessed Ones, who, having washed their robes and made them white in the Stream of Love, stand before Thy Throne and serve Thee day and night in Thy heavenly temple, through Christ our Lord. W.F.P.

OBITUARIES.

Mrs. Millar, Ballycarry.

We regret to announce the passing of Mrs. Wm. Millar, the oldest inhabitant of Ballycarry. During all her long life Mrs. Millar was a supporting member of the Old Church. Our sympathy is extended to her bereaved family.

Mr. R. D. Pinkerton, J.P., Ballymoney.

In the obituary notice of Mr. R. D. Pinkerton, J.P., of Ballymoney, mention ought to have been made of the fact that he was all his life an attendant at the N.S. Presbyterian Meeting House.

John Russell, Belfast.

It is with regret we record the death of John Russell, Fitzwilliam Street, Belfast, at the early age of 43. He belonged to a well-known family of Non-Subscribers, which has been associated with Clough Church since its formation. His parents removed from the farm at Ballylough to Belfast, and joined Second Church during the ministry of Rev. J. C. Street, but later joined the First Church. All through the Great War John served in the Navy as engineer. His ship was torpedoed, and he endured the hardships of shipwreck, which probably undermined his health. After the war he was appointed to the responsible position of Superintendent Engineer in a large Refrigerating Works in Buenos Aires, but his health broke down and he was no longer able to engage in the practical side of the trade he loved. But his sound theoretical training enabled him to take up draughtsmanship, and up till the Saturday before his death he was engaged in the Drawing Office of Messrs. Harland & Wolff. On Sunday, 16th December, the Rev. R. Nicol Cross, M.A., and the Rev. James Shaw Brown conducted the funeral service at his home in Fitzwilliam Street before making the journey to Clough, where interment took place in the old family burying-ground in the presence of his many relatives and friends. Mr. M'Crum represented the First Church, and the Clough Minister officiated at the graveside. Mr. Russell leaves a widow and little daughter, and we would express our sympathy with them and with the aged father and mother and other members of the family in their great sorrow and bereavement.

Mr. Thomas M'Clung.

On Friday, November 30th, Mr. Thomas M'Clurg passed peacefully away in his 79th year. He was the eldest of three unmarried brothers, whose connection with our Church goes back a long way. The elder brother remaining is our church secretary, and one of the best respected members we have Thomas M'Clurg's interest in the Church was not an active one, but there is ample evidence to prove that his influence for good was widespread, and we can only wish that active church members will honour the memory of such by more zealous work within the Church. G. P. J.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

1st Church Branch, Rosemary St., Belfast.

Since the opening of the winter session in October, the members of this Branch have been very actively engaged in work of various kinds. We have had two interesting addresses by Mrs. Glynn Davies on "The Saving Grace of Humour," and Miss Praeger on "A Visit to America," also a talk on Xmas Cookery by Miss F. Irwin. We have also been able to contribute the usual gift of garments at Xmas to the Dom. Mission and the World's Service League, through the help of the sewing meetings. An American Tea was held in the Central Hall on 27th November, and was opened by Miss Davidson, Bryansford, Mrs. R. Campbell presiding.

As a result of this effort, cheques amounting to 8 guineas, have already been sent to the hospitals and the Domestic Misison, and the grateful thanks of members are given to those friends from neighbouring Branches and to all others who so kindly supported them on this occasion.

Mountpottinger.—The annual Sale of Work and Cake Fair was held on Friday,

December 14th. The Sale was opened by Mrs. George Gardiner, of Holywood. The Moderator (the Rev. J. Dare Davies) presided. The Rev. J. H. Ewbank, B.A., B.D., introduced Mrs. Gardiner and the Moderator, and said how pleased the ladies were to have secured such a good platform. Mr. Ewbank also spoke with great appreciation of the work of the Mountpottinger ladies. The Moderator, in a bright and cheerful speech, spoke of his long association with the Mountpottinger Church, and expressed his pleasure at being amongst the friends once more. Mrs. Gardiner opened her speech by a sympathetic reference to the Opener and Chairman at last year's sale, Mrs. Moore and Miss Eileen Andrews, and said how these two ladies will be missed in the work of the League. Mrs. Gardiner then proceeded to say that although conditions made it necessary for the Mountpottinger ladies to be concerned about finances, yet they found time at their League meetings to be concerned also with intellectual subjects. After the Sale had been declared open, Mrs. J. H. Ewbank moved a vote of thanks to the opener and Chairman. Mr. Harold Thomas seconded. Miss Bina Millen presented a specimen of Irish linen to Mrs. Gardiner. The weather was as bad as it could possibly be, but many friends came long distance to support the Mountpottinger ladies in their effort. Miss Armstrong brought a portion of her Gipsy Troupe to foretell the future of the curious To her and the many other friends who helped, the thanks of the congregation are gratefully accorded. The receipts up to date realise about £70.

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Whoever will induce our people to sing will do a national service. Oh, the dumb congregation in church, the dumb audience in theatres, the dumb soldiers in camps, the dumb crowds in the street! How they would be liberated, fired, invigorated, if they could and would sing —*Dr. Frank Crane.*

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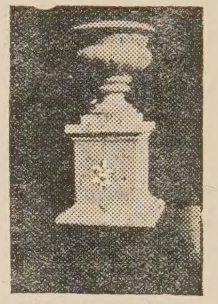

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